

MUSICAL GREETINGS FROM THE CHAPEL— The Senior High Protestant Youth of the All Faith Chapel will give a musical presentation of living Christmas Cards on the chapel lawn as the Chapel's Christmas greeting to residents of the

Naval Weapons Center. The living cards, created with a background of carols, may be seen at 6:30 p.m., December 22, 4:30 p.m., December 23, and at 6 p.m., December 24. Above, two members of the group recreate the Manger scene.

SHOWBOAT

FRI 18 DECEMBER
 "IN SEARCH OF GREGORY" (90 Min)
 Julie Christie, Michael Sarrazin
 7:30 p.m.
 (Drama) She went to Geneva to attend her father's wedding and to meet an American house guest who had entranced her entire family. She never got a chance to meet him but fell madly in love with his image. (GP)
 Short: "The White House" (15 Min)

SAT 19 DECEMBER
 —MATINEE—
 "RUN WILD, RUN FREE" (100 Min)
 John Mills
 1:00 p.m.
 Short: "This is My Lucky Day" (7 Min)
 —EVENING—
 "PUFNSTUF" (98 Min)
 Jack Wild, Billie Hayes
 7:30 p.m.
 (Fantasy) The Alice-in-Wonderland-like characters of the famed TV kid show tell of a boy who finds his flute can talk, but the old witch wants it (to win the Witch of the Year award) and the chase is on! (G)

SUN and MON 20-21 DECEMBER
 "THE MCKENZIE BREAK" (106 Min)
 Brian Keith, Helmut Griem
 7:30 p.m.
 (War-Drama) The Allies temporarily lose control of a German POW camp despite a by-the-book commander. The rioting covers the operation for escape of vitally needed submarines. Plenty of action. (GP)
 Short: "Pink Blueprint" (7 Min)

TUES and WED 22-23 DECEMBER
 "DARLING LILI" (134 Min)
 Julie Andrews, Rock Hudson
 7:30 p.m.
 (Musical Comedy) An English singer, who is a German spy, is assigned to procure information from a handsome American flying ace during WW1 in this wacky, lulling laugh-fest. Shades of the Red Baron. (G)

THURS 24 DECEMBER
 FREE MATINEE AT 1:00 p.m. (40 Min)
 —EVENING—
 "IF IT'S TUESDAY THIS MUST BE BELGIUM" (98 Min)
 Suzanne Pleshette, Ian McShane
 7:30 p.m.
 (Comedy) Take a hilarious whirlwind bus tour of Europe with a kooky gang of Americans; the souvenir grabber, the sneaking sex-minded photographer, the groovy teenager, etc... (G)
 Short: "Beyond Walkiki" (9 Min)

FRI 25 DECEMBER
 NO SHOW—MERRY CHRISTMAS

SAT 26 DECEMBER
 —MATINEE—
 "GIT!" (92 Min)
 Jack Chaplain
 1:00 p.m.
 Short: "Father's Weekend" (7 Min)
 "Ball-Hoppy" (7 Min)
 —EVENING—
 "LOVING" (89 Min)

George Segal, Eva Marie Saint
 7:30 p.m.
 (Drama) The quiet desperation of a commercial artist living just for a pending big commission that will straighten out his finances and the emotional problem of a mistress and an unhappy wife. (R)
 Short: "Jamaica" (17 Min)

SUN and MON 27-28 DECEMBER
 "WINNING" (122 Min)
 Paul Newman, Joanne Woodward
 Robert Wagner
 7:30 p.m.
 NO SYNOPSIS AVAILABLE

TUES and WED 29-30 DECEMBER
 "THE ANGEL LEVINE" (105 Min)
 Zero Mostel, Harry Belafonte
 7:30 p.m.
 NO SYNOPSIS AVAILABLE
 Short: "Odd Ant Out" (7 Min)

THURS and FRI 31 DEC-1 JAN
 "THE HORNET'S NEST" (110 Min)
 Rock Hudson, Sylva Koscina
 7:30 p.m.
 NO SYNOPSIS AVAILABLE
 Short: "Robin Goodhood" (7 Min)

SAT 2 JANUARY
 —MATINEE—
 "ALAKAZAM THE GREAT" (84 Min)
 Cartoon feature
 1:00 p.m.
 Short: "Rough Ridinghood" (7 Min)
 "Muscle Up a Little Closer" (16 Min)
 —EVENING—
 "MACKENNA'S GOLD" (132 Min)
 Gregory Peck, Omar Sharif
 Julie Newman
 7:30 p.m.
 NO SYNOPSIS AVAILABLE

SUN and MON 3-4 JANUARY
 "ON A CLEAR DAY YOU CAN SEE FOREVER" (128 Min)
 Barbara Streisand, Yves Montand
 7:30 p.m.
 NO SYNOPSIS AVAILABLE

TUES and WED 5-6 JANUARY
 "THE WILD BUNCH" (143 Min)
 Wm Holden, Ernest Borgnine,
 Robert Ryan
 7:30 p.m.
 (Western) Cinch up your seat belts and HANG ON for the roughest, toughest gang of outlaws the West ever knew! Bank robbery and train hijacking puts a former member, now a lawman, on their trail to Mexico. Be prepared for hair-raising brutality and gory gunplay that gives shock after shock! (R)

THURS and FRI 7-8 JANUARY
 "UNDERGROUND" (100 Min)
 Robert Goulet, Daniele Gaubert
 7:30 p.m.
 (War Drama) The handsome singer really changes his image in this one, sporting a beard and in a hard-boiled role as an Army Major who parachutes into Nazi-held France on a secret mission filled with action. (GP)
 Short: "Whirley Birds" (9 Min)



Today's Rocketeer is the last issue for 1970. Essentially, the office will be closed for staff vacations from 4:30 p.m. December 18, to 7:30 a.m., January 4, and the staff will take advantage of the break to have the spaces painted. The next publishing date is January 8, 1971.

Although in the past the Rocketeer has shut down completely during the holidays, this year a minimum staff will be available and material for publication in the January 8 edition may be submitted to the Rocketeer office during regular hours. Should there be a requirement for planned stories or recording of special events, both editorial and pictorial areas will be covered.

The Rocketeer staff extends best wishes to all for a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, and a hearty thanks to all who have contributed news and information during the past year.

Holiday Hours

The following China Lake facilities will be closed during both the Christmas and New Years three-day week-ends:
 Community Center Child Care Center Laundry-Main Plant
 ESB Office Center Restaurant Commissary
 Beauty Shop CLPL Cafeteria Barber Shop (NAF)
 Barber Shop Snack Bar (NAF) Ceramic Hobby Shop
 Michelson Lab. Navy Exchange Navy Exchange
 Cafeteria Retail Store Service Station

The following facilities will be closed Christmas Day and New Year's Day, and will resume regular week-end hours:

+Youth Center +Gym +Carpenter Hobby Shop
 +Library +Pool +Auto Hobby Shop
 Shopping Bag Malt Shop Laundry-Plaza only

+—Closes at 4 p.m. on Christmas and New Year's Eve.

The following facilities will be open at regular hours on Christmas Day and New Year's Day:

+Bowling Alley Golf Course ++Golf Pro Shop

+—Closes at 4 p.m. on Christmas and New Year's Eve.

++—Closes at 4 p.m. on Christmas Day.

The Snack Bar at the Bowling Alley will maintain the same hours as the Bowling Alley on both Holiday week-ends.

The Theater will be open Christmas Eve, closed Christmas Day, and open during the New Year Holidays.

The Ceramic Hobby Shop will close at 4 p.m. Christmas Eve until January 4, 1971.

Normally closed on Mondays, the Barber Shop will be open on Monday, December 21 and 28.

The Enlisted Men's Club will be open as usual during the Holidays.

The Navy Exchange Retail Store will observe normal hours of operation December 21 and 22; it will be open December 23 from 11 a.m. until 7 p.m., and on Christmas Eve from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m.

Fedco Service Station and Parts House will be closed Christmas Day and New Year's Day, and will observe regular hours on both Saturdays.

The Pharmacy will be closed during the Christmas Holiday week-end, and during the New Year Holiday it will be open on Saturday, January 2, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Dog Problem is People Problem

From time to time you hear about the "Dog Problem" on the Center. It isn't a dog problem it's a people problem. Your dog cannot read articles that have been published. If his master lets him roam, the animal is quite happy. Not so happy are the people whose lawns he desecrates or whom he frightens or bites.

Your dog belongs in your yard, your house, or on a leash. An exception being a highly trained animal who is instantly responsive

provided he is with a person who can control him "these are rare".

Historically, the Center has tried to avoid such drastic action as capture and destroy loose dogs. It has been 'hoped' that residents would accept their responsibility and do their own policing.

The situation has worsened lately. If you own a dog remember your responsibility. The existing permissive policy may have to be reconsidered.

DCOA Announces Solo Auditions

The Desert Community Orchestra has announced that young musicians, between the ages of 12 and 21, who aspire to be soloists at the Youth Concert in March, are reminded that auditions for the solo spots will be held Wednesday, January 13, at 5 p.m. in the Burroughs High School Band room.

Each audition will last from 5 to 6 minutes and all contestants are asked to play a well known concerto or any other suitable, well known orchestral work.

The conductor requests that each contestant bring with him a recommendation from a music

teacher, either public or private, stating that they are competent to play as a soloist with the orchestra. Three contestants will be selected.

Bake Sale

The DCOA also announces that they will hold a bake sale on Friday, December 18 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in front of the Shopping Bag Market in Bennington Plaza. All proceeds from the sale will help to support the Youth Concert.



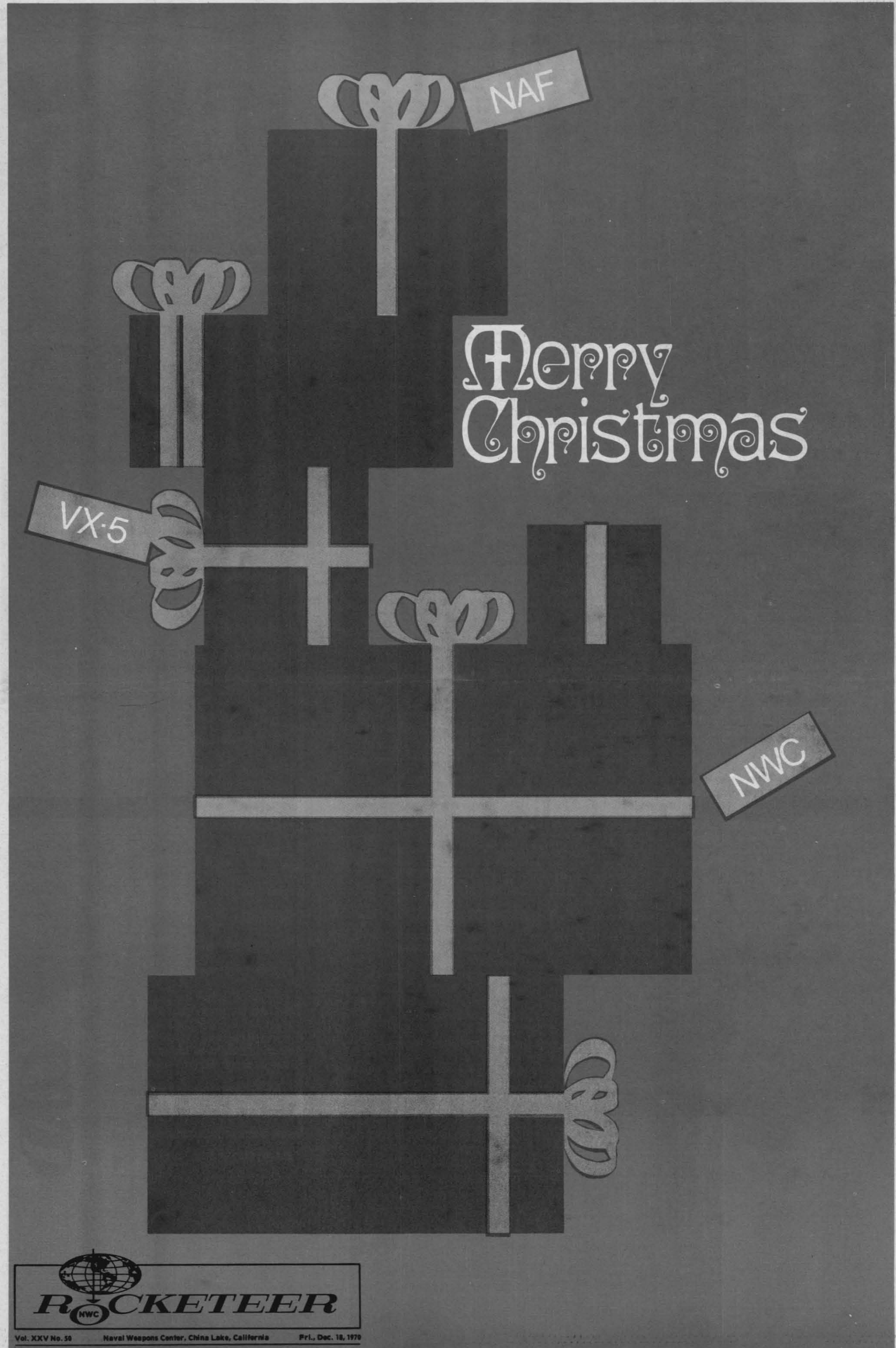
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New Hours For Trash Pickup

The regularly scheduled pickup of the 32 gallon trash containers in Capehart "B," Trailers, Le Tourneaus and Old Normacs will be held on December 26 and January 2, instead of on Christmas and New Year's Day.





NATIVITY SCENE ERECTED—Fr. J. J. Hogan, NWC Catholic Chaplain, inspects the Nativity scene erected for Christmas in the All Faith Chapel. The indoor manger scene is put up each year to remind all Christians of the birth of the Son of God.

PROMOTIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

Employees are encouraged to apply for the positions listed below. Current applications (SF-171) or Standard Form 58 bringing your work history up-to-date should be forwarded as described below. The fact that positions are advertised here does not preclude the use of other means to fill these positions. Part of the ranking process of those rated as basically qualified will be a supervisory appraisal form that will be sent to the employees present and most recent previous supervisor. Selection shall be made without discrimination for any non-merit reason and without favoritism based on personal relationships or patronage.

Model Maker (Machining), WG-34003-13, CODE 4542—The incumbent machines, fits, and assembles parts or hardware of experimental, prototype and developmental ordnance equipment such as rockets, guided missiles, projectiles and guidance systems; also machines and fits parts for specialized explosives and propellants processing mixers, kettles, stakes, dies and fixtures; cameras, camera lens systems and mountings. Qualification Requirements: Must be a journeyman machinist.

File above applications with Pat Gaunt Bldg. 34, Room 202 Phone 2723.

General Engineer, GS-801-11-12, PD No. 7030132, Code 20102—This position is in the Aircraft Gun Systems and Survivability Office. The incumbent is responsible for planning, implementing and monitoring the testing requirements for the GPU-2A Gun Pod Program. Included in the duties of the incumbent are the technical supervision operational evaluation and all associated engineering tests. Technical evaluation of all guns and ammunition sub-systems performance, including recommendations for design fixes and improvements also preparation of test reports, correspondence and other administrative functions. Job Relevant Criteria: The incumbent must be experienced in methods and techniques of testing, defining instrumentation and evaluating test results. He must be capable of operating both independently and in the capacity of coordinating the efforts of others. He must be familiar with the operations of the Systems Development Department and the Naval Air Systems Command. Since the incumbent interfaces with various branches of the Naval Air System Command and other military organizations, he must be capable of exercising mature technical judgement and communicating his ideas effectively. Minimum Qualifications: one year at the GS-9 level for GS-11, and one year at the GS-11 level for GS-12. Advancement Potential: To the GS-12 based on ability to fulfill position requirements.

File above applications with Beverly Salger, Bldg. 34, Room 212, Ext. 2514. The Naval Weapons Center, China Lake, California announces a competitive promotion examination for Leader, Test Mechanic (Experimental Electrical Systems) WL-38091. Applicants must file Card Form NAVEXOS-4155AB, Standard Form 172 and Employee

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CATHOLIC SERVICES

Sunday, December 20, Annual CCD Christmas Program presented by Kindergarten thru 6th graders at 7:00 p.m. in the All Faith Chapel. Reception following in East Wing.

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday - Confessions, 4:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Thursday, December 24, Midnight Mass, All Faith Chapel. Carolling to begin at 11:30 p.m.

Christmas Day Mass Schedule: 7:00, 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. in the All Faith Chapel.

PROTESTANT SERVICES

Sunday, December 20, Worship Service, 10:00 a.m.

Living Christmas Cards, Portrayed Carols in front of the Chapel.

December 22, 6:30 p.m.

December 23, 4:30 p.m.

December 24, 6:00 p.m.

Christmas Eve, Candle and Carol Service, 7:00 p.m. in the All Faith Chapel.

JEWISH SERVICES

Friday, December 25, Regular Services (Pertaining to Chanukah), 8 p.m.

Friday, December 25, potluck dinner, 6 p.m. The Religious School will present a "Hanukah Play," following the potluck dinner. All members who are going to attend the dinner are asked to call Helen Sherman, at 375-5337.



PWOC CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON—Visitors from George AFB and Edwards AFB attended the Christmas luncheon of the Protestant Women of the Chapel, held December 15 in the East Wing of the Chapel, held December 15 in the East Wing of the All Faith Chapel. Above, Chaplain R. E. Osman, NWC Chaplain, is seen with (l-r) Grace

Davis, president of PWOC at George AFB; Bobbie Summers, president of the NWC PWOC; Mrs. Esther Osman, devotion chairman; Mrs. W. J. Moran, and June Lawrence, president of the PWOC at Edwards Air Force Base.

—Photo by PH2 D. E. Hart

China Lake Bowling Lanes Renamed Dedicated To Pilot's Memory

At 10 a.m., on Tuesday, December 15, The China Lake Bowl was renamed in honor of Lt. Gerald L. Hall, a young naval aviator who lost his life during the course of his duty while attached to the Naval Air Facility here at NWC.

The ceremony was attended by many former friends and the immediate family of the late pilot, including Hall's wife, Karen, and their two sons Mitchell and Jeffrey, and Hall's parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. S. Hall of Fort Scott, Kansas.

Prior to the dedication, Capt. R. E. McCall, Commanding Officer of NAF, introduced special guest Capt. L. A. Dewing, USN (Ret.), the former Commanding Officer of NAF and Hall's Commanding Officer at the time of the tragedy.

Capt. Dewing expressed his pride in being able to take part in the dedication and said that the reason Lt. Hall was singled out for this honor was because Hall "epitomized the young naval officer of today . . ." and also that "his overall contribution to the Navy during his career warranted the honor."

Capt. McCall then escorted Lt. Hall's widow to the podium that was erected on the steps of the recreation facility where she unveiled a plaque that has been affixed to the outside of the building which now bears her husband's name.

Lt. Hall gave his life in the service of his country on April 2, 1970, while piloting a project aircraft assigned to the Naval Air Facility. In the twenty-seven year history of the Center, only two other NAF men have been so honored: Lt. John M. Armitage and Cdr. William L. (Mike) Reardon. Similarly, both men lost their lives while serving as pilots at NAF.

Lieutenant Gerald Leslie Hall was born on 25 June 1940 in Fort Scott, Kansas. On 11 September 1958 he enlisted in the Navy. After a distinguished enlisted career, he was accepted into the Navy Enlisted Scientific Education Program and obtained a Bachelor of Science Degree in Electrical Engineering at the University of Washington. He was commissioned an Ensign on 20 November 1964.

After jet training at Pensacola, Florida, and Kingsville, Texas, he reported to Attack Squadron 125. Previous duty station also included Antisubmarine Fighter Squadron 3; Attack Squadron 125, as test pilot; Attack Squadron 153, as Safety Officer; and the Naval Postgraduate School, Monterey, California. He began his tour of duty as Safety Officer, Naval Air Facility, China Lake, on 20 September 1969.

Lieutenant Hall was the recipient of the following awards and decorations: Air Medal with one Silver Star and two Gold Stars, Navy Commendation Medal with Combat "V" and one gold star, Navy Achievement Medal with Combat "V" Navy Unit Commendation awarded to U.S.S. Intrapid (CVA11), National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal with two Bronze Stars, Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal with Device (1960), and the Cross of Gallantry with a Silver Star from the Republic of Vietnam.



20 YEARS FEDERAL SERVICE—Anne F. (Nancy) Carter, C, receives a 20 year Federal Service Pin from her Branch Head, Eugene P. Breitenstein, Head, Analysis Branch "B", at a ceremony held in the office of Dr. Marguerite M. Rogers, 1, Head, Weapons Systems Analysis Division. —Photo by PH3 Anthony Curiale

Stop For Coffee Break

If you're planning a long auto trip over the holidays, be sure to stop for a coffee break—it could be a life saver!

Rough weather and monotonous driving on highspeed roads can bring on fatigue and drowsiness. In fact, traffic deaths on holiday weekends average 25 percent higher than on comparable nonholiday periods. Safety experts indicate that drowsiness and inattentiveness are major factors in these accidents.

To help reduce this death toll over the coming holiday season, more than 15,000 restaurants are joining in the National Coffee Safety Stop Program. It is designed to alert more motorists to the hazards and to encourage them to stop regularly for coffee and rest.

This nationwide accident-prevention effort is sponsored by safety directors of the Armed Forces, the International Association of Chiefs of Police, the International Bridge, Tunnel, and Turnpike Association, the American Association of Motor Vehicle Administrators, the National Restaurant Association and the National Coffee Association.

During the peak traffic hours of both Christmas and New Year's weekends, the participating restaurants will be offering free coffee to tired drivers. Special "Free Coffee" signs will be posted, especially by restaurants on major tollroads.

A good rule is: Take a rest stop every 2 hours or 100 miles. Getting out of the car and into a bright restaurant surroundings helps offset fatigue and drowsiness.

Other safe-driving tips to keep in mind are: +Watch out for the other guy; +Gage your speed to changing weather and road conditions; and +Obey all traffic regulations.

So plan a happy and safe holiday. Be sure to look for the free coffee signs; if you don't see one, stop anyway—it could save your life! And, remember to make coffee stops part of your routine on all long-distance auto trips, year round.



CYO PRESENTS CHECK—Kitty Berry and Mike Marsh, CYO's Boy and Girl of the Year for 1970, recently presented a check to Catholic Chaplain J. J. Hogan for \$561 to be donated to the Danny Thomas Leukemia Fund. The amount put Kern County CYO over the top as the largest contributor to the fund in the state. The presentation took place at a recent dinner held for CYO officers at the Dick Cruise residence at China Lake.



PLAQUE UNVEILED—Karen Hall, widow of Lt. Gerald Hall, was on hand at ceremonies Tuesday at the China Lake Bowl to unveil the plaque that is currently affixed to the outside of that facility. At the ceremony, the local lanes were dedicated to the memory of her late husband and renamed Hall Memorial Lanes. Lt. Hall was killed recently in a tragic accident that took place in Kansas where Hall was flying a project aircraft for NAF.

Final Council Meeting . . .

(Continued from Page 3) Ridgecrest communities for their assistance in the parade activities. A special note of appreciation was directed to President and Mrs. John Emery for their help in the Christmas Parade program. At the conclusion of her report Mrs. Abernathy received a round of applause from Council members and visiting residents.

The Miss Ridgecrest-China Lake Beauty Pageant Representative will now go directly to the Miss California Contest was the statement presented by Mr. Louis Thompson, the Council liaison representative for the Beauty Pageant Committee.

Concerning the installation of new Community Council officers, Ruth Schuyler told the Councilmen that she had scheduled the Banquet for January 12, 1971, at 6 p.m. in the Sun Room of the NWC Commissioned Officers' Mess. At that time, the council will elect and install its new President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. Current President John Emery appointed Robert Gervais, Mrs. David Chapman, and Dick Schultz to the new Nominating Committee which will nominate Council representatives for these offices.

Al Pena, Representative for Precinct 9, Bob Gervais, and Mrs. David Chapman, Representative for Precincts 1 and 2, were appointed to the Christmas Decoration Contest Committee in the Council's next action of the evening meeting.

General discussions were held by Community Council on environmental pollution, law enforcement procedures, youth activity programs, and community appearance. President John Emery then concluded the December session by sending his best wishes for the Holiday Season to the Council and the China Lake and Ridgecrest Communities.

Assessments

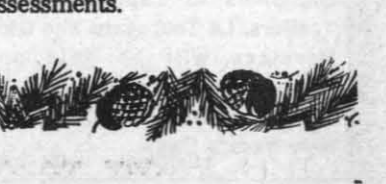
Two assessments are now due for the Government Employees Benefit Association and China Lake Mutual Aid Society for the deaths of Cecil Ayers and Floyd Rockwell.

Ayers died of cancer at the Ridgecrest hospital on Dec. 8. He was 63 years old and an employee of the Security Dept.

Rockwell passed away Dec. 13, also at Ridgecrest due to a heart attack. He was 58 years old and was employed on the center in Code 7045.

All members are urged to see their collectors and pay \$2.40. For retirees and those members who mail their assessments, mail to L.R. Mason at 208 Bonita St. Ridgecrest Calif. 93555.

Members who retire should notify Mason regarding arrangements for paying assessments.



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DIVINE SERVICES

Protestant (All-Faith Chapel)—Morning Worship—10:00 a.m. Sunday School—8:30 a.m., Chapel Annexes 1, 2, 4 (Dorms 5, 6, 8) located opposite Center Restaurant.

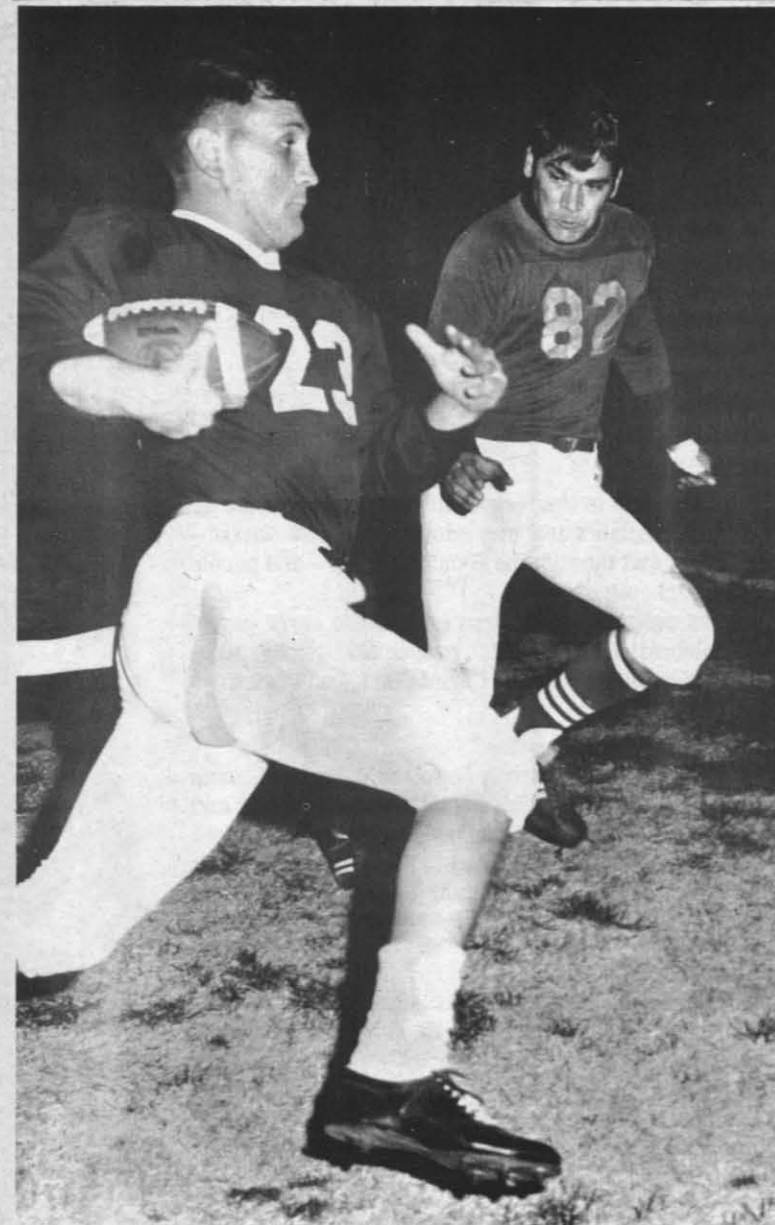
Roman Catholic (All-Faith Chapel)—Holy Mass—5:00 p.m., Saturday (Fulfills Sunday obligation); 7, 8:30 and 11:15 a.m. Sunday. Daily Mass—11:30 a.m. in Blessed Sacrament Chapel. First Saturday, 8:30 a.m.

Confessions—4 to 5 p.m. Saturday, and 8 to 8:25 a.m. Sunday.

NWC Jewish Services (East Wing All-Faith Chapel)—8 p.m. every first and third Friday.

Sabbath School—10 a.m. to noon, every first and third Saturday.

Unitarian Fellowship—(Chapel Annex 95, 9 King Ave.)—Sundays, 7:30 p.m.



CLOSING IN—Herr (82) a defensive end for China Lake, moves in to pull the flag on Justison, of the 29 Palms Marine team in the recent MDISL flag football contest held at MCSC, Barstow. The Marines won the match, 25-6, however, Nellis AFB finished in first place on the strength of winning all three of its contests. —USMC Photo

ROCKETEER SPORTS

Seventeen Break 200 In Friday Foursomes

The scores were high and the pace was furious last Friday in the Friday Night Mixed Foursome as 17 men rolled 24 games over the 200 mark, led by Jack Lindsey's 221-232-204 (657). Dan Branson hit games of 248 and 201 (638) and Jack Herbstreit rolled 234 and 222 (628) in a bid for high man. Jack Brown finished in the 600 figures with a 226 enroute to a 610 series. Allen Smith had a 232 single, and Doug Driscoll had two games in the 200 bracket, 203-208, as did John Dowd (215-201) and Dan Ryan (203-202).

Patty Maxwell was the only female bowler above the 200-mark with a 202 effort. Alice Cutsinger had a 558 series, followed by Maggie Branson's 556, Linda Jeffris, 532 and Patty, 519.

was high for the night. Carrie Galloway rolled a nice 206.

Ding-a-Lings
Mary Shepard is rapidly becoming a star. She led this league too last week, with a 494 series. Helen Brooks had a 203.

The Gutter Gals rolled a 739 game and the Star Dusters had a 2175 series.

Wed. Nite Handicap
The Tired Squaws broke the record for the season with a 1026 game, paced by Donna Hitt's 215. Sue Lewis came in with a 508 and Willie Johnson had a 517. Other good scores: Estella Paine, 528; Alice Cutsinger, 522; and Marion Sievert, who was high for the night with 226-532.

Mary Jane Clark had a 211.

Junior-Senior
Reporting for December 5 and 12, league secretary Myrtle Snyder got repositioned when it came to the name of Randy Stedman. Randy led the league both weeks with series tallies of 560 and 511 respectively. Robin Harbin had a 154 on December 5 for high distaff game and Sheila Simmons led the girls on December 12 with a 413 series. Bettye Clark had a 166 single game.

Tiny Preps
Mike Chartier rolled a 124 which was the standard bearer for the league. Four other bowlers broke the 100-mark: Richard Hoffer, Pat Donohue, Lori Bowles and Paul Colvert. Amy Petach converted the 3-7-10 split.

Koffee-Klutchers
The Scatter Pins had a 795 game and a 2126 series to lead team scoring and Mary Shepard's 518

Midway
Mike Crom finally beat his wife. Mike struck together games of 211, 200 and 252 for a 663 series to show his heels to the rest of the league. Jack Yeakey, a teammate, rolled a 246 game which accounted for Midway's scratch game of 989. Bob Horton had a 238 and Craig Rae a 228.

Willie Stewart Selected As The Athlete Of Month

Soul of the VX-5 defensive unit and co-captain of the squad that brought the Vampires their fourth straight intramural football crown, Willie Stewart has been selected as the NWC Athlete of the Month for November.

The 5-7, 170-pound middle linebacker called signals for what was easily the finest defensive unit in the league, a unit that held its opponents to -12 total yards rushing on the year and recorded three shutouts.

In addition he tied for the league lead in interceptions with four.



Willie Stewart

"This hero stuff doesn't matter to me," Stewart says. "I don't care if I intercept a pass all year as long as I do my job and we win."

Stewart, a native of Houston, Texas, has been doing his job and winning for years. As a high school senior, he played on the team that won the state championship and had claimed district titles the three previous years.

In the Navy he played flag football for two years in Jacksonville, Florida. Then came to China Lake four years ago and he played for NAF teams that finished second to VX-5 in 1967 and 1968 when he was temporarily assigned to NAF.

Returning home to VX-5 in 1969, Stewart anchored defenses that performed admirably and produced titles on his philosophy.

"Hitting is fine, but it doesn't win games. You have to drill into your players' heads—flag, flag, flag. In this game, that's the most important thing."

Social Security Rep. At Comm. Center Wednesday, Dec. 30

All China Lakers with questions about Social Security provisions may contact a representative from the Administration here next Wednesday, December 30.

He will be at the Community Center from 8:30 to 11 a.m., and is available for consultation.

As a convenience to residents of the Center, the south gate of the Naval Weapons Center will remain open all night on New Year's Eve. The south gate is normally closed at midnight throughout the year due to the lack of traffic at that entrance.



MESSIAH PERFORMED HERE—Russ Parker, Director of the Music 14 College Choir of the Desert Division of Bakersfield College, leads the group in a passage from Georg Handel's "Messiah," performed Monday evening at the All Faith Chapel. Solos for the famous masterpiece

were handled by Carrie Galloway and Joan Renner, sopranos; Paula Seewoster, Debbie Wood, Arlene Moline and Laura Ayres, altos; Richard Fowler and Sam Haun, tenors; and Tim Dickensen and Paul Farris, basses. Paul Cochran was the accompanist.

Promotional Opportunities

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Information Supplemental Sheet with the Special Examiner, Code 652, China Lake, California, to be received or postmarked not later than 28 December 1970. Forms may be obtained from the Personnel Receptionist, Bldg. 34, China Lake.

Clerk-Typist GS-322-3 or 3, or Staffing Clerk, GS-4, CODE 462—Trainee position, incumbent acts as receptionist in Personnel Department, Employment Division, other duties include typing, answering phone, etc. Minimum Qualification Requirements: GS-2 high school graduate, GS-3, 1 year of general clerical experience and GS-4, 1 year of general clerical experience and 1 year of specialized experience.

File application for the above with Sue Prasolowicz, Bldg. 34, Rm. 206 ext 2577.

Secretary (Typing) GS-318-4 or 5, Code 4030, PD No. 240108—This position is that of Secretary to the Air-To-Surface Weapons Division, Weapons Development Department. The incumbent will provide assistance to the Division Head and his staff by performing a variety of clerical and administrative duties related to the management of the office such as, scheduling appointments and conferences, telephone and receptionist work, receiving and replying to incoming mail, reviewing out-going mail, etc.; providing technical knowledge of specialized subject matter is not required. Minimum Qualification Requirements: Two years general experience for GS-4 and two and one-half years general experience and 6 months specialized for GS-5 in accordance with X-118. Advancement Potential: GS-4 may be promoted to GS-5.

File applications with June Chipp, Bldg. 34, Rm. 204, Phone 2474.

Supervisory Electronic Engineer (General) PD No. 7055087 Code 5531 GS-455-12—As Section Head, Electronic Systems Section, plans and schedules work for Section, including establishing priorities, manpower requirements and budget estimates. Provides technical and administrative supervision to engineers and technicians in the Section. Leads and participates in design of electronic equipment. Is expected to apply state-of-the-art knowledge in design work which includes miniaturized electronic elements, design parameters, component qualification, testing, bread-board model construction and miniaturization. Performs various consultant and contract liaison duties. Minimum Qualification Requirements: 3 years professional experience, 1 year of which is comparable to the GS-11 level. Education equivalent to B.S. degree in engineering or related field. Job Relevant Criteria: Demonstrated capability for diversity of novel design solutions, experience in wide variety of electronic engineering problems, ability to supervise a technical workforce.

File applications for above with Joan Macintosh, Code 657, Ph 2371.

Property Disposal Assistant, GS-1104-07 or 09 Temporary not to exceed 6-30-71, 2597—Receipts for property, supervises segregation of materials, prepares commercial descriptions of sales items, lots or groups sales items. Recommends appropriate method of sale and directs display of items. Is responsible for the operation of two scrap yards. Minimum Qualification Requirements: 3 years of general supply experience plus one year for the GS-7, two years for the GS-9 of specialized experience which must have included responsibility for the examination, classification, segregation, redistribution and utilization, sale, donation, abandonment or other disposal of excess or surplus and obsolete property or of salvageable and waste materials. This position is temporary, not to exceed 6-30-71 at which time the regular incumbent will change his duty station from Corona to China Lake.

Budget Analyst, GS-568-7, PD No. 72518-1, 25—Makes or assists in making management

improvement studies, assemblies annual Supply Department budget, helps maintain fiscal control of expenditures, secures data, prepares graphs, work distribution, process and flow charts for analysis of work procedures and methods within the Department. Minimum Qualification Requirements: 3 years of general experience from which the applicant gained a general knowledge of management principles and practices plus one year of specialized experience which must have included the development, evaluation or revision of budgetary control systems, budget preparation and presentation or similar duties. Job Relevant Criteria: Familiarity with Supply procedures and directives, and knowledge of published regulations dealing with fiscal matters is necessary.

File applications for above with Naomi Campbell, Bldg. 34, Rm. 206, ext. 3118.

Program Analyst, GS-345-13 and/or 14, (2 vacancies), Code 4008—The vacancies are located in the Requirements Group of the Advanced Aircraft Systems Program Office. The mission of the group is to provide the means to effectively rate new aircraft and weapon system technology to critical military strategic and tactical considerations. One position will be involved as an analyst and expert consultant in studies relating specific military strategic-tactical requirements to current technology and developing the results of these studies into concrete program proposals. The major effort will be in selecting critical aircraft-weapons system development characteristics and defining developing programs in which these characteristics can

be realistically and economically developed, tested and evaluated. The second position, in addition to supporting the requirements studies, will act in a liaison capacity for the group. He will be involved in the presentation of study conclusions and program proposals to all levels of management (including Command levels in Washington D. C.) and provide the necessary communications link between these levels and the Program Office. In addition, this position is expected to provide current information about programs, similar to those proposed by Code 4008, being pursued by other military services or industry, as well as any new intelligence or recent developments which might affect the Code 4008 programs.

Minimum Qualification Requirements: As defined by Civil Service Commission - X-118.

Job Relevant Criteria And-Or Selective Placement Criteria: These positions require extensive experience in hardware oriented tactical aircraft development programs and a broad understanding of military strategic-tactical factors relating to advanced aircraft systems. Direct experience as a combat aviator and command of the various levels associated with tactical military aircraft is desirable. In addition, the first position requires experience which demonstrates expertise in Test and Evaluation methodology and program proposal methods. The second position requires specific expertise in strategy, tactics, operational techniques, and logistics related to military tactical aviation.

File applications with June Chipp, Bldg. 34, Rm. 204, Phone 2474.

Youth Center Basketball Season Begins With Special Tournament

The Youth Center basketball season will get underway next week with the pre-season Christmas Tournament at the Station Gym.

The four-division program will begin December 21 with a special Instructional League playoff for boys 7-8 years old.

The regular tournament will begin December 22 and 23 with the quarterfinal rounds in the Midget, Junior and Senior divisions.

A five-day break will follow and then the semi-finals and finals will be played December 28 and 29.

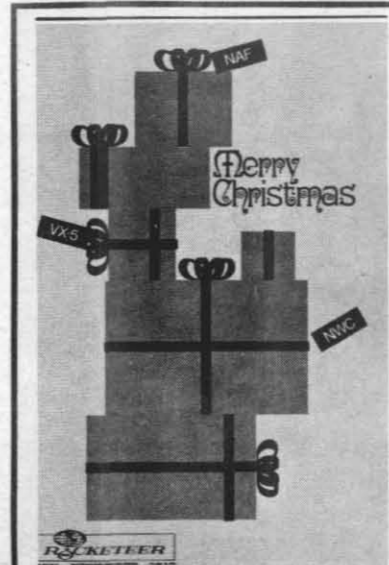
"We hope to give the kids a good start on the season this way," said Youth Center director Marty Denkin. "We don't have any Jerry West, but the boys have fun playing and that's the name of the game."

"Last year we had 170 kids in our program and we thought there might be a decline because of the new basketball program in the junior highs.

"But this year we've got 220 boys signed up for our program, which includes practice sessions, the

Christmas Tournament, a 10-game regular season, and a post-season tournament, a 10-game regular season, and a post-season tournament."

The regular season will commence January 15 and will conclude February 27. The post-season tournament, similar in nature to the National Basketball Association playoffs, will begin the first week in March.



Christmas Message

Each year of the military-civilian team at NWC continue to enhance the overall contribution of the Center to the Navy and to our country. Your dedication and support and individual and collective participation in the many important projects of the past year is gratefully recognized as an important contribution to all of our common objectives.

With optimism in the future, and a sincere appreciation of the sacrifices and dedication that have been shown in the past, we wish to express our sincere hope that this Christmas season will be a happy occasion for all of you, and that the New Year will signal the beginning of a new era of prosperous accomplishment for everyone.

RAdm. W. J. Moran, USN
NWC Commander

H. G. Wilson
NWC Technical Director

Community Council Holds Final Meeting

The final Community Council meeting of 1970 was highlighted by the election of Bob Gervais to the position of Representative for Precincts 5 and 6. Other action items included the appointment of a new Christmas Decoration Contest Committee and a new Nominating Committee. Final reports from the Library and Christmas Parade Committees were also heard.

The first item discussed by Council during the December 8 meeting was the Center Malt Shop. Michael Vernon-Cole, Precincts 4 and 8 Representative, urged Council to reassert its support of the Malt Shop. Vernon-Cole said that recent improvements in and around the Shop signaled the need for Council's recognition. Following his statement William Werback, Precinct 1 Representative, moved that a letter of recognition be sent to Mr. Deal who operates the Center Malt Shop. Community Council unanimously approved this action.

The next item of business was presented by Dr. Ted Bergman. As Chairman of the Library Committee Bergman described its activities and accomplishments during the past two year period. He then distributed a written report and held a short question and answer session. The report was approved and Dr. Bergman concluded by urging continued support of the Library by Council.

Annexation was briefly talked about, and Phil Gill, Committee Chairman, told Council that he had not acquired additional information concerning this subject during the previous three weeks. Gill said that he would contact the Community Relations Office and

report to Council during the January 1971 meeting.

TV Booster
The rebroadcast of Channel 28 was the subject of Bob Young's report to Community Council. As CoChairman of the TV Booster Committee, Young said that his request to the FCC for rebroadcast of 28 had been returned because of a procedural error. Mr. Young noted that the request was quickly corrected and returned to the FCC's Washington Office. In response to a question concerning the Detroit Lions-Los Angeles Rams football game, Young said that it would not be possible to rebroadcast the game in this area. He explained that the Bakersfield ABC television signal was too weak and noisy for satisfactory transmission at China Lake.

Robert Gervais was the focal point of Council's next action. In a Nominating Committee report presented by Ruth Schuyler, Bob Gervais was submitted as the Committee's candidate for Precincts 5 and 6. Following this report Mr. Gervais was unanimously elected by Council to the position of Representative for Precincts 5 and 6. Gervais resides at 313-B Groves and is employed in Code 5523.

Wardna Abernathy then reported on her activities as Chairman of the Christmas Parade Committee. Mrs. Abernathy's report included a description of how she scheduled the parade, the conduct of the parade, and a talk on the accounting procedures employed to process the funds acquired and expended for the parade. In summing up, Mrs. Abernathy expressed her sincere appreciation to the China Lake and

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About Our Front Page . . .

The spectacular front page for this issue of the ROCKETEER was designed and prepared for printing by Bill Irwin, a visual information specialist in Code 7512 of the Technical Information Department. The approach was to use three artwork overlays to give the impression of a three-color look using only two colors. The principle color, Blue, is also used throughout the rest of the issue.

Irwin is a graduate of the University of Arizona and has a degree in Commercial Art. Prior to joining NWC in May, 1969, Bill served as Art Director for Creative Associates, an ad agency in Camarillo, Cal., and operated his own Commercial Art business in Oxnard. Bill and his wife Carol currently reside in Ridgecrest.

A Children's Christmas Party Is . . .



Talking with Santa . . .



Gettin' peppermint sticks . . .

Photos By PH3
Ronald Gray Mills
Taken at China Lake Nursery
School Christmas Party held at
the Community Center,
Tuesday, December 15.



Catching 40 Winks . . .



Pretty girls . . .



Visiting with friends . . .

Lookin' for Mom . . .



The Christmas Tradition

By Jack Lindsey

Christmas, as it is celebrated in the United States, is a conglomeration of customs from all other nations and walks of life.

Most of the "cherished" customs of our Christmas celebration - caroling, the Christmas tree, manger scenes, the Christmas meal, the hanging of stockings - and hundreds more, stem from ancient traditions of other lands.

The giving of gifts is said to come from the Dutch. However, many nations picture a bringer of gifts in some way, such as Father Christmas (England); the Christ Child of Germany; the old woman Befana (Epiphany) from Italy, who is abroad on the eve of the sixth of January; the Three Kings, also Epiphanous in Spain, and so on.

The ancient tradition of choosing a leader, or king, is seen today in the hiding of a small object in food or a cake - as with the Bean King chosen on Twelfth Night in England and Holland and France, or the finding of the one almond hidden in the Christmas Eve rice dish in Denmark; or the finding of a sixpence in the Christmas pudding.

The Wassail drink - mulled and spiced beer in England; glogg in Sweden, and Gluhwein in Germanic countries - has its counter-part in the egg-nogg of the United States.

The Yule Log

The traditional yule log is said to have come from the land of the Vikings. In France there is the souche de Noel and in Slav countries there are similar logs and even so far south as Greece a cedar log was burned. The yule log and fire is thought to honor the need for the sun, but in South American countries it is thought to honor the baptism of Christ.

The Christmas Tree

The decorating of a Christmas tree had its early beginnings in Germany. The German Christmas begins with Advent, when an Advent wreath of evergreen with four red candles fixed into it is hung or propped up in the home (thus the American tradition of hanging wreaths at Christmas time). The tree itself, of Alsatian origin, was the last of the evergreens to be adopted into Christmas custom. Legend has it that Martin Luther was so moved by the brightness of the stars on a winter's night that, to simulate something of their effect, he set candles in a little tree of his own brought inside the house.

The Traditional Dinner

When the English-speaking countries sit down to a "traditional Christmas dinner," they eat an Aztec bird by an Alsatian tree, followed by an English pudding spiced with subtropical preserves. Desserts from England, salads from France, pies from Germany, candy from Switzerland, and so on. The "traditional" dinner is anything but traditional.

Although the goose is no longer the most popular bird, the farm-bred turkey is a far cry from that given to the Indians by the early Pilgrims. Fatter and tastier, the modern-day turkey has nearly replaced all other meats as the traditional food in this country. However, in some parts of England the goose is still eaten, while roast beef is served in Yorkshire and in other parts of England.

Nowhere else in the world within the boundaries of a single nation is Christmas observed with a greater variety of customs and traditions as it is in the United States. Every country and practically every region of the world is represented by its descendants here.

Within the past few decades, removed by only one or two generations from life in Europe and Asia, many of our citizens have shown a growing awareness of their cultural heritage. In their desire to preserve it, they are rediscovering and reviving old folkways, modes, and manners of doing things that have given tradition itself a new kind of significance.

From the spectacular point of view, especially as regards outdoor illumination and decorations, the United States leads the world in Christmas showmanship. In the realm of commercial activity, no other nation anticipates Christmas for so long a period with so much sharply focused advertising.

Despite the glamor of the community Christmas tree, amid the gleam of electric lights and all the outdoor pageantry, Christmas is still a feast of the heart and the hearth here as it is in other nations throughout the world. It is, essentially, the celebration of the Christ Child's birthday.

The Birth of Christ

No one knows the true birthday of Christ. In the latter part of the Third Century, the Church fathers adopted December 25 as the day to celebrate the Christ Child's birthday

Ancient Legend

An ancient legend says that far away in the mountains north of Mesopotamia in the Far East, there is a Land of Eden, which is indeed the Mother of Civilization. Four thousand years ago a celebration was held for 12 days duration which matches the modern type Christmas in

method. The people paid tribute to the New Year and prayed to purify themselves. Gradually, this celebration was adopted by other lands - Greece, Rome, the Balkans, and through the Danube Valley - and people fitted the idea into their scheme of living.

Many of the Christmas customs today stem from these early pagan beginnings. To these celebrations of "light," prayer and purity, have been added the celebration of the Birth of the Christ Child, and Christmas as we know it today, has evolved.

An Early Custom

The barbaric tribes of Germany had strong beliefs in pagan gods such as Thor, Odin, Frey and Njord. They felt that when the harvest was in and winter was approaching, they should revel and honor their gods who had given them such a good year. As they converted to Christian beliefs, the feasts and celebrations were held over and remain to this day. One such feast is the "feast of the boar."

Wassailing

The British have long used the custom of wassailing a fruit tree on Christmas to denote their feelings. Usually the biggest and most productive tree was chosen and villagers would sprinkle cider on the tree. Sometimes cakes immersed in cider were hung on the tree. This was accompanied by much nonsense and noise caused by shooting guns and banging on kettles, much like the New Year's Eve celebrations of today.



Santa Claus

There really was a St. Nicholas, often considered to be the inspiration for the modern-day Santa Claus. St. Nicholas was an Archbishop of Myra in Asia Minor, who devoted his life to the welfare of small children. The story goes that a man, once a noble, became destitute and was unable to provide dowries for his three young daughters. St. Nicholas appeared on three successive nights, leaving three bags of gold for each child. Thus to St. Nicholas has been ascribed the Christmas custom of parents bestowing gifts upon their children.

To New Amsterdam, in America, the Dutch settlers brought their old world customs, one of which was the custom of burgher dressing as old St. Nicholas and distributing toys and sweets to children of the village.

Santa Claus, however, is strictly an American invention. Clement Moore created the fictitious personage in his poem, "The Night Before Christmas," written in 1822. Santa Claus is illustrated today exactly along the lines described by Moore in that famous poem.

No matter what the tradition, or your background, or the country in which you live, Christmas is a time of blessing, a festival of hope. Hope for peace in the world, for brotherhood of all mankind. Each year during the Christmas season, men of all faiths and all nations have a common bond, "Peace on Earth, and Good Will to Men."

